



BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

March 9, 2015

5:30 p.m. Basement Trost Conference Room
801 Texas Ave., City Bldg. 3, El Paso, Texas

MINUTES

<u><i>Members Present: 6</i></u> District 1 – David Turner District 4 – Roy Gilyard District 5 – Theresa Welch Fordham District 6 – Francoise A. Feliberti District 7 – Sylvia Carreon District 8 – Ana P. Roush	<u><i>Members Absent: 1</i></u> District 3 – Deanna A. De La Cruz <u><i>Vacancies: 2</i></u> Mayor – Vacant District 2 – Vacant
<u><i>City Staff Present</i></u> <i>Parks and Recreation</i> Tracy Novak, Parks and Recreation Director Paula Powell, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Joel McKnight, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Marci Tuck, Open Space, Trails and Park Coordinator Steve Lunsford, Land Management Superintendent Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant	<i>Facilities/Fleet Services</i> None present <i>City Attorney</i> None present
<u><i>Public Present</i></u> Elaine Williamson, Bill Sparks, Marilyn Guida	

1. Agenda Item #1. Meeting Called to Order
Theresa Welch Fordham, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.
2. Agenda Item #2. Approval of Minutes: February 9, 2015
Motion by David Turner to approve minutes as written. Second by Ana Roush. Motion carried (unanimous).
3. Agenda Item #3. Call to the Public (for items not on the agenda)
None

Late arrival Sylvia Carreon 5:35 p.m.

4. Agenda Item #4. Distribution: Parks and Recreation Calendar and Newsletter

Tracy Novak, Parks and Recreation Director, highlighted the Calendar of Events and the Newsletter:

- April Pools Day
- Senior Games Activities
- Spring Football
- Youth Scholarships
- Weekly Radio Shows
- Spring activities – Softball, soccer, baseball, etc.
- Lifeguard instruction

Chair Fordham moved Agenda Item #6 to the forefront.

5. Agenda Item #6. Subcommittee:

a. Park Naming/Changing Subcommittee

1. Discussion and Action: Application to rename Cheryl Ladd Park located at 11510 Cheryl Ladd, El Paso, Texas, 79936, to John Lyons Park.

Marci Tuck, Open Space, Trails and Park Coordinator, welcomed guest and presented a PowerPoint of Cheryl Ladd Park and amenities. She gave a brief history of the park and future development.

Elaine Williamson, applicant, provided the Board information on John Lyon's contribution to the community and his commitment in providing a safe park for the neighborhood. She also displayed several awards and certificates commending his accomplishments.

Bill Sparks, advocate for the application, spoke on the hard work by Mr. John Lyons in converting the contaminated vacant property into a community park. He spoke on Mr. Lyons character and contributions to his neighborhood.

Theresa Welch Fordham, Chair of the Park Naming Subcommittee, reported that the subcommittee reviewed the application and heard testimony on applicants behalf and voted unanimously to forward a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to approve the name change.

Motion by David Turner that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board forward a recommendation to City Council to change the name of the Cheryl Ladd Park located at 11510 Cheryl Ladd, El Paso, Texas, 79936, to John Lyons Park. Second by Roy Gilyard. Motion carried (unanimous).

6. Agenda Item #5. Update and Discussion: Land Management Activities – Steve Lunsford, Land Management Superintendent

Steve Lunsford, Land Management Superintendent, reviewed the following activities:

- Maintenance on sports fields & turf areas
- Wood fiber replacement (eg. Eastwood)
- Mowing and spraying on schedule
- Preparation for Rose Garden opening (March)

7. Agenda Item #7. Discussion: Updates on Tierra Del Este Trail and Ascarate Trail – Marci Tuck, Open Space, Trails and Parks Coordinator

Marci Tuck, Open Space, Trails and Parks Coordinator presented a PowerPoint outlining the Tierra Del Este and Ascarate Trails. Discussion ensued on the project list use of Quality of Life bonds, the distance and surface of the trails.

Brochure of Trail maps distributed (Handout)

8. Agenda Item #8. Discussion: Update on Fort Bliss Joint Use Fields – Tracy Novak, Parks and Recreation Director

Tracy Novak, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed the map which was included in the packet that was distributed to Board members. Discussion followed on the lack of fields in the central area, joint efforts, costs and liability.

9. Agenda Item #9. Reports on Recent Activity

- a. Recent City Council Agenda Items List
- b. Upcoming Committee Meetings List
- c. Land Acquisition List
- d. Parks and Recreation Construction Projects Lists

Tracy Novak, Parks and Recreation Director, stated the reports on recent activity referenced above are included in the packet and are also public record on the City's website.

Discussion followed on Eastside Regional Park and Colors of the Valley.

10. Agenda Item #10. Discussion and Action: Subcommittee Assignments (as needed)

Theresa Welch Fordham, Chair, called for nominations for alternates on subcommittees. Hearing none, the discussion was quashed.

11. Agenda Item #11. Discussion: Identify Items for Future Agendas

- Tierra Del Este parcels addresses
- Summer Pool Hours

12. Adjournment - 6:31 p.m.